GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department - Allegations leveled against Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality - Certain irregularities committed in execution of Departmental works and substandard quality of work in Saluru Municipality, Vizianagaram District – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 read with Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 869 **Dated: 11-09-2018**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.87 (1531/V&E/E1/06), dated 27.06.2008.
2. G.O.Rt.No.867, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated:11.09.2018.
3. G.O.Ms.No.309, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated:11.09.2018.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality in the reference 2nd read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set-out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in Annexures III & IV.

3. Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality, Vizianagaram District is directed to submit his written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality, Vizianagaram District informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality, Vizianagaram District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality, Vizianagaram District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that above Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Saluru Municipality, Vizianagaram District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The Director of Municipal Administration. A.P. Guntur is directed to furnish copies of documents as per Annexure-III to Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District.

8. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sri P.Purushottam, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.),
Salur Municipality, Vizianagaram District **through** the DMA, AP,
Guntur.
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The GA (V&E) Dept., AP, Vijayawada (With reference to Vigilance Report No.87 (1531/V&E/E1/06), dated 27.06.2008)
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

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Annexure –I to G.O.Rt.No.869 MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt: 11.09.2018

ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI. PURUSHOTTAM, THE THEN MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER (Retd.), SALUR MUNICIPALITY.

Charge.No.1:

That, he had failed to maintain the stock registers for the materials with regard to the procurement of electrical items in Saluru Municipality.

Charge.No.2 :

That, he had entered materials receipt in the year 2002, but released payments based on recording in the year 2005 in Saluru Municipality.

Charges.No.3 :

That he had exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct becoming a member of service and thereby contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Annexure –II to G.O.Rt.No.869MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt: 11.09.2018

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS INSUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI.P.PURUSHOTTAM,THE THEN MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER (Retd.,), SALUR MUNICIPALITY.

That, Sri P.Purushottam, during his tenure at Saluru Municipality, has committed certain irregularities by improper maintenance of stock registers for materials (Electrical) and also entered material receipt in 2002 but released payments based on recording in 2005 in Saluru Municipality and the details of the irregularities is as follows:-

That the materials were taken into new stock register on 21.08.06, 24.08.06 and 22.08.06. At the same time, the Municipal authorities were maintaining another stock register i.e. continued from 2005 for full materials.

Except Ward No. the pole No. was not mentioned in the stock register towards issue of electrical items. Some of entries made in the stock registers were verified as under.

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Page No./ Stock Register	Date	Stock	Remark
62,63/06-07	18-04-2006	400	
-do-	14-04-2006	350	
-do-	19-04-2006	368	Without receipts
64,65/06-07	20-04-2006	103	29th ward
	03-05-2006	177	Without receipts

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Page No./ Stock Register	Date	Stock shown	Remarks
68,69/06-07	18-04-2006	150	Initial date of stock receipt
-do-	14-04-2006	134	
-do-	19-04-2006	141	
70,71/06-07	20-04-2006	41	29th ward
	03-05-2006	76	23rd ward

The above stock entries revealed that the stock balances are not tallied and matching with the dates mentioned. Even, the dates are not in sequence. 500 starters were entered in the register of 2006-07, but issue dates were mentioned for 150 Nos only. Dates were not mentioned for the remaining issues vide Pages 76 to 79 of Stock Register 06-07.

Further, as seen from the records, an amount of Rs.1,14,547/- was paid to M/s. Kushima Luminaires, Hyderabad vide Page No.30 of M.B.No.44/03-04 (1st and Final bill dated:13-08-05) towards supply and delivery of street lighting materials.

The materials were taken into stock register during December, 2002. The materials were issued during the period from 01-01-03 to 28-03-03. The materials were received and entered in stock register of 2003-04 by the Commissioner Sri P. Purushotham. The stock register was maintained with the same page NO.1 twice, in a clumsy manner creating confusion. In Page No.1, the issues for 40-W street lighting fittings with all accessories were noted. In another Page No.1, on the left side of the index column, the receipt of the materials was noted. The materials were received during 2002-03, but the entries were made in the stock register of 2003-04 by the then Commissioner. The payments were made on 13.08.05 by the same Commissioner. The materials were recorded in the M.Books after a gap of 2 ½ years. The payments were made based on the stock register. The measurements were recorded by the then Municipal Assistant Engineer Sri J. Pennayya and check-measured based on the stock register by the then Dy. Executive Engineer Sri K.Prasada Rao.

For the above mentioned acts, he is held responsible. Thus the Charges.

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Anneuxre –III to G.O.Rt.No.869MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt:11.09.2018

LIST OF DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI. P.PURUSHOTTAM, THE THEN MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER (Retd.), SALURMUNICIPALITY.

1. From the G.A (V&E) Dept.,V.R.No.87(1531/V&E/E1/06), Dt.27.06.2008.
2. Govt. Memo No. 13120/E1/2008, Dt. 06.08.2008

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Annexure –IV to G.O.Rt.No.869MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt:11.09.2018

LIST OF WITNESSES ON WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI.P.PURUSHOTTAM, THE THEN MUNICIPALCOMMISSIONER (Retd.), SALUR MUNICIPALITY.

- **NIL** -

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